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**BEFORE THE  
RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

PAUL ANTHONY MEZA  
3634 E. Donner Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726

Applicant/Respondent

RCB Case No. 1H 2007 516

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT FOR  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the  
above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Stephanie Nunez (hereinafter "Complainant") is the Executive Officer of  
the Respiratory Care Board of California (hereinafter "Board") and is represented in this matter  
by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, Supervising Deputy  
Attorney General Jose R. Guerrero, and by Catherine Santillan, Senior Legal Analyst.

2. Respondent PAUL ANTHONY MEZA (hereinafter "respondent") is  
representing himself in this matter.

JURISDICTION

3. On August 8, 2007, the Board received an application for a respiratory  
care practitioner license from respondent. The Board denied the application on December 20,  
2007 and on December 22, 2007, respondent requested a hearing.

4. Statement of Issues No. 1H 2007 516 (“Statement of Issues”) was filed on February 27, 2008 before the Board and is currently pending against respondent. The Statement of Issues, together with all other statutorily required documents, was duly served on the respondent in accordance with the California Administrative Procedure Act and respondent has filed a Notice of Defense. A copy of said Statement of Issues is attached as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

5. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Statement of Issues 1H 2007 516.

6. Respondent has carefully read and fully understands the contents, force, and the effect of this Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order (“Stipulation”).

7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights and that, but for this Stipulation, he would be entitled: 1) to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues; 2) to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; 3) to present evidence on his own behalf and to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; 4) to reconsideration and appeal of an adverse decision; and 5) all other rights accorded pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent hereby voluntarily, knowingly, intelligently and freely waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the charges and allegations contained in Statement of Issues no. 1H 2007 516, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Respondent further agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Order below.

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ACCEPTANCE

I, PAUL ANTHONY MEZA, have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order, and enter into it freely, voluntarily, intelligently, and with full knowledge of its force and effect on my Respiratory Care Practitioner License. I fully understand that, after signing this stipulation, I may not withdraw from it, that it shall be submitted to the Respiratory Care Board for its consideration, and that the Board shall have a reasonable period of time to consider and act on this stipulation after receiving it.

DATED: March 4, 2008

Original signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL ANTHONY MEZA  
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Respiratory Care Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

DATED: March 5, 2008.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General  
of the State of California

Original signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHERINE E. SANTILLAN  
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**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement For Public Reprimand and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Respiratory Care Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, as its Decision in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall be effective on April 24, 2008.

It is so ORDERED April 10, 2008.

Original signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

LARRY L. RENNER, BS, RRT, RCP, RPFT  
PRESIDENT, RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA